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### ► Agency Mission

To fulfill the requirements of the Code of Virginia that the County Attorney advise the governing body and all boards, departments, agencies, officials, and employees of the locality in civil matters, draft or prepare ordinances, defend or bring actions in which the local government or any of its components shall be a party, and in any other manner advise or represent the locality.

### ► Trends/Issues

Since 1997, the Office of the County Attorney has adapted to the various shifts in litigation case load by modifying attorney personnel deployment, which has resulted in an increase in the number of attorneys available to handle abuse and neglect and zoning enforcement cases. As a result of our efforts, we have achieved a high rate of success in litigation before the Fairfax County Circuit Court and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and in appeals before the Virginia and federal appellate courts.

This office has provided, and will continue to provide, preventative law services by conducting training sessions for the Police Academy, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Department of Tax Administration.

We have attained leadership positions in both state and local attorney associations, including chairmanship of the Local Government Law Section of the Virginia State Bar, presidency of the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, presidencies of the Fairfax Bar Association and the Fairfax Bar Foundation, and membership on the Virginia State Bar Council and Executive Committee.

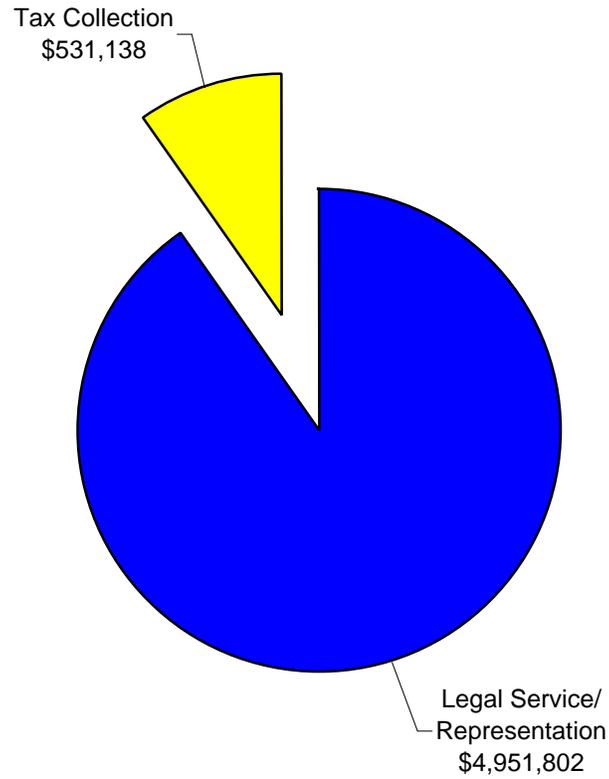
### ► Summary of All Agency CAPS

CAPS Number	CAPS Title	CAPS Net Cost	CAPS Number of Positions/SYE
17-01	Legal Service/Representation	\$4,876,544	56/56
17-02	Tax Collection	\$530,138	8/8
<b>TOTAL Agency</b>		<b>\$5,406,682</b>	<b>64/64</b>

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Total FY 2002 Adopted Budget Expenditures = \$5,482,940

Total FY 2002 Adopted Budget Net Cost = \$5,406,682